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Beck

HAROLD SAKUISHI

WE'VE GOT TO PUT OUR ALL INTO THIS!!
THERE'S NO TURNING BACK FOR BECK.
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Gibson
WHOA
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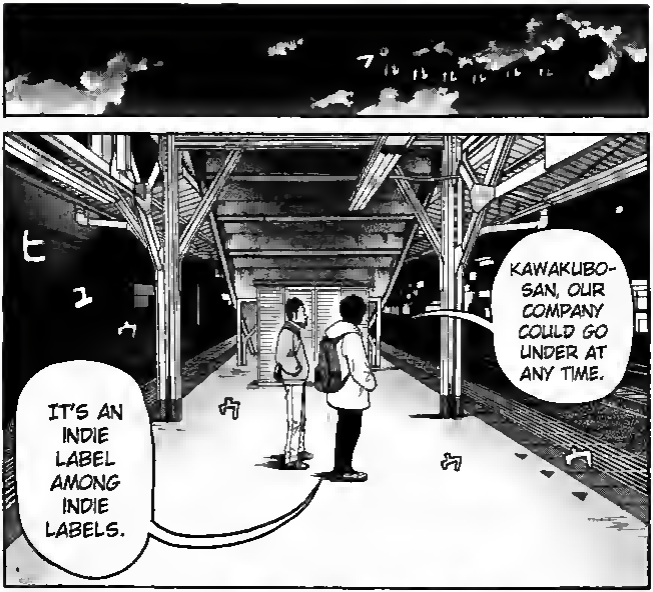
KAWAKUBO-SAN, OUR COMPANY COULD GO UNDER AT ANY TIME.
IT'S AN INDIE LABEL AMONG INDIE LABELS.

THE ARTISTS WE PUT OUT ARE WEAK,
AND I HAVE TO THINK ABOUT NEW JOBS EVERY DAY.
YA-MAPI.

I'LL HAVE A CHILD SOON.
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I DO, TOO.
BUT BECK ...
REALLY HAS A LOT OF POTENTIAL!
SO THEY CAN CREATE A FULL ALBUM !!
I WANT TO LEND THEM 350,000 YEN

YA-MAPI.
SUP ?
I NEED YOUR ADVICE.
WERE YOU THINKING THE SAME THING I'M THINKING?
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IT'LL WORK OUT! I KNOW OUR COMPANY IS CHEAP,
BUT I THINK WE COULD CONVINCE THE PRESIDENT IF YOU HELP ME !!
ACTU-ALLY,
I WANT YOU TO TELL ME ...
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WHICH OF THESE NAMES YOU LIKE.
MORRISSEY
KAWAKUBO BOLAN
KAWAKUBO REICCHI
KAWAKUBO LYDON
KAWAKUBO STRUMMER
KAWAKUBO WELLER
I WANTED TO NAME THE KID AFTER A ROCK LEGEND, YOU KNOW.
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WHAT IS THIS ?
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LET ME KNOW WHAT YOU THINK, NEXT TIME I SEE YOU.
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MY WIFE'S TOTALLY AGAINST IT, THOUGH.

BOEING

I DON'T KNOW WHAT TO SAY ...

I'D LIKE SOMETHING A LITTLE LESS CLEAN AND MORE, LIKE, BAM! YOU KNOW ...
IT'S KINDA HARD TO EXPLAIN ...

DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT, CHIBA-KUN.
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TSUCHIYA-SAN IS A VETERAN ENGINEER, HE'S DONE THIS FOR OVER 10 YEARS.
HE EVEN WORKED WITH MILKY HONEY BEFORE THEY MADE IT BIG.
MILKY HONEY... BUT MUSICALLY, THEY'RE NOTHING LIKE US!
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S-SORRY FOR SPEAKING ...
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ビク
IS THIS WHAT RECORD-ING IS LIKE...?
THIS GUY JUST SITS HERE
AND GRADUALLY ADJUSTS OUR MUSIC TO WHATEVER WAY HE SEES FIT ...
did Ryosuke do what he said, too?

WOW, YOUR BAND SURE IS BUSY.
ALL WORKIN'.
HUH? WHERE ARE THE OTHER GUYS?
MIKE'S PIZZA DELI-VERY !!
AIR

THANK YOU VERY MUCH!
YOU'RE GOING TO QUIT, TANAKA-KUN?
YES, I WANT TO FIND A JOB THAT PAYS A BIT MORE.
I SEE. IT MUST BE HARD BEING IN A BAND.
GOOD-BYE.
BRRRR, SO COLD.

Phone call from
Saku-chan
He said everyone's
at the pond
with a CD-R.
BECK
HUMAN FL

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WHA-
WHAT IS THIS ...?
HE JUST STARTED CUTTING AND PASTING,
THEN STOPPED AND SAID, "THIS IS DONE."

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LET'S PARTY !!
HEY GUYS, READY FOR YOUR BIG DEBUT ?!
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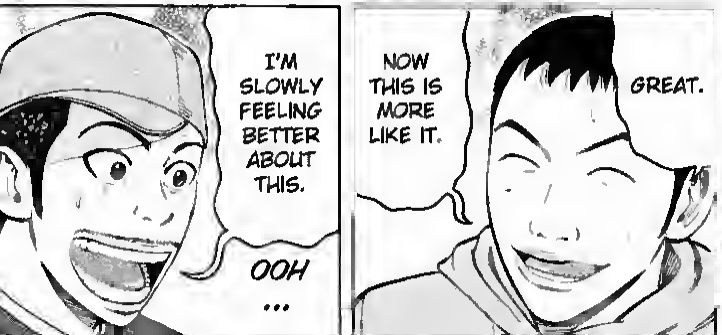
MIT-CHAN!
HERE'S WHAT YOU ASKED FOR.

Human
fly

WOW! THIS IS GREAT, MITCHAN !!
IT LOOKS AWE-SOME!
DOESN'T IT?
GOT IT FOR FREE FROM MY DESIGNER FRIEND, AGAIN.


GREAT.
NOW THIS IS MORE LIKE IT.
I'M SLOWLY FEELING BETTER ABOUT THIS.
OOH ...

TIME TO GET DRINKIN' !!
ALL RIII GHT.

YOU CAN TELL IT SOUNDS RIGHT.
HMM... AFTER YOU LISTEN TO IT ABOUT 10 TIMES,

I BET HE KNOWS A WHOLE BUNCH OF STUFF THAT YOU GUYS JUST DON'T UNDERSTAND YET.
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THE ENGINEER'S A PRO WHO KNOWS ALL ABOUT WHAT SOUNDS GOOD.
I love the girl playing keyboard in Milky Honey too

DON'T WORRY, THIS THING'LL SELL LIKE HOTCAKES !!
"HUMAN FLY" IS GONNA BE A CLASSIC.
NOW, DRINK UP!
STILL GOT PLENTY OF BOOZE !!
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YOU GUYS EVER FEEL LIKE YOU WANNA CONQUER THE WORLD?
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LIKE, "10 MILLION COPIES SOLD WORLD-WIDE"!

UH, "CONQUER THE WORLD" ...?
THIS IS GONNA BE PUT OUT BY SOME SMALL-TIME INDIE LABEL.
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THAT DON'T MATTER, AS LONG AS YOU'RE SELLIN' EM' IN THE RECORD SHOPS!

THEY'LL SELL IT IN THE CD SHOPS
RIGHT ALONG WITH DYING BREED ...

I GUESS ...
boy, he's drunk

RIGHT ...

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AND THE B-BEA-TLES.
AND THE PIS-TOLS,
AND THE CHILI PEP-PERS,
NOT THAT I CARE ABOUT HER.
AND KUNI-YOSHI CHIEMI!
WOW !!
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YOU... ARE SUUU-UCH... A FOOL.
IZZAT THAT THE ONLY THING YOU CAN THINK OF?
I WONDER IF IT'LL GET TO THE POINT WHERE I DON'T HAVE TO WORK?
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BUT I NEVER THINK ABOUT DOING THAT.
...SEE, THAT'S MORE LIKE IT.
I'M GONNA GET MYSELF OUTTA THE GHETTO,
BUILD MYSELF A MANSION AND DRIVE A HUGE-ASS CAR!!
IT'S COLD OUT THERE, CHIBA.
CLOSE THE WIN-DOW.
OH CRAP, SHE'S GONNA YELL AT ME AGAIN TOMORROW.
SHADDUP YA DUMBASS! WHAT TIME DO YOU THINK IT IS?!

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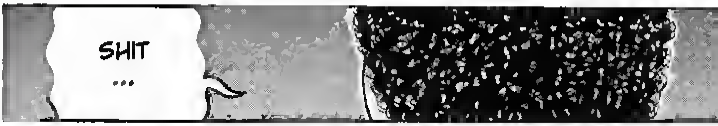
C, CHIBA-KUN!
WHADDAYA MEAN, DUMBASS?! YER A DEAD MAN!!
HEY, CHIBA.
COME ON DOWN HERE!!
WHAT'S WRONG WITH WANTING TO BUILD A HOUSE FOR YOUR MOM?!

WHAT'S WRONG WITH WANTING TO TAKE YOUR BROTHER SOMEWHERE NICE FROM TIME TO TIME?!
HE'S MUTE, HE GRADUATED FROM A SCHOOL FOR THE HANDICAPPED, AND NOW HE WORKS AT A GODDAMN CONSTRUCTION SITE!!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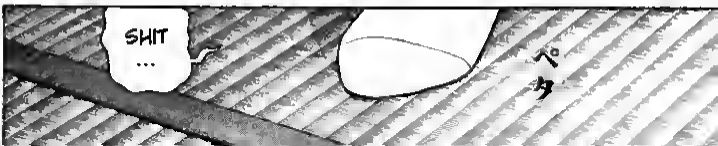
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CHIBA... YOU'RE GONNA CATCH A COLD.
TIME TO BUY MORE LIQUOR.
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MAN, CHIBA SURE WAS PLASTERED.

SHUT UP, I'M TOTALLY FINE.
Y-YOU'RE PRETTY DRUNK, TOO, MITCHAN ...

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F.V.E'S SCHED-ULED TO APPEAR.
THERE'S A HUGE ROCK FESTIVAL THAT HAPPENS ANNUALLY IN SOUTH AMERICA.

HAVE YOU READ THIS YET?
rock on

WHOA!!
YOU MEAN, THE ONE THEY HOLD IN A STADIUM THAT SEATS LIKE A HUNDRED THOUSAND PEOPLE?!

WHOA, THE NEWEST "ROCK ON"!!

RIGHT!
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DON'T GET LEFT IN THE DUST.
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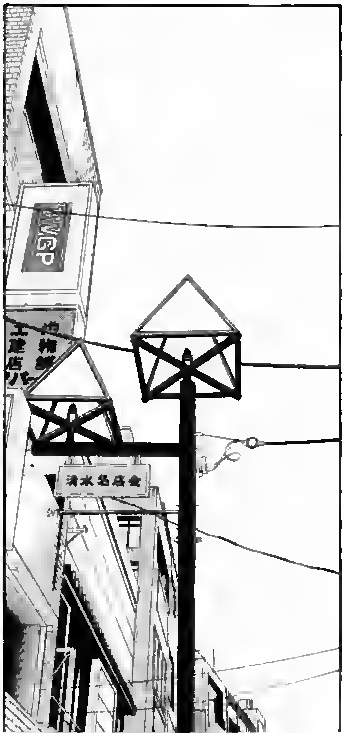
WELL, I'LL ALWAYS BE ON YOU GUYS' SIDE!

I KNOW YOU HAVE THE POTENTIAL TO BE HUGE!

HUH ?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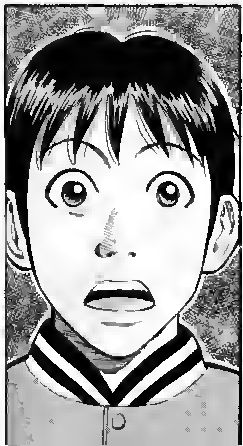
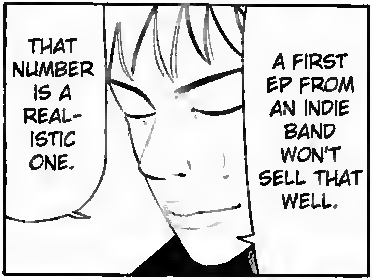


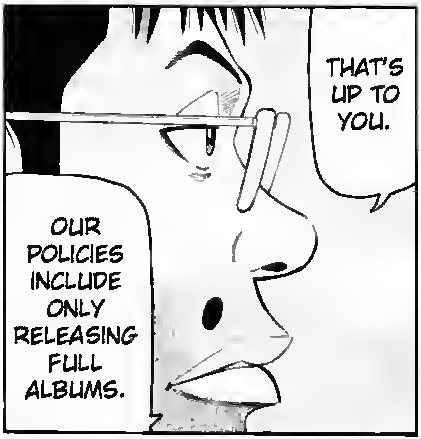
YES, 1500.
1500 COPIES ?
WE WON'T PURSUE A CONTRACT FOR ANOTHER CD WITH BECK.
IF YOU DON'T SELL THAT MANY,

IT MIGHT BE A LITTLE TOUGH FOR YOU TO MATCH.
WE USED A LOT OF DATA TO COME UP WITH THAT NUMBER.
YES.
TOUGH FOR *US*?
WE PLAYED AT GREATFUL SOUND *AND* WE MANAGED TO PULL OFF A SUCCESSFUL AMERICAN TOUR...
H-HOLD ON A MINUTE.

I WANNA SAY GOODBYE TO THIS CHEAP-ASS LABEL!
SCREW THIS, WE'RE GOING ELSE-WHERE ON THE NEXT RECORD!


A FIRST EP FROM AN INDIE BAND WON'T SELL THAT WELL.
THAT NUMBER IS A REAL-ISTIC ONE.

EVEN IF WE SELL A HUN-DRED THOU-SAND?!
OR A MILLION ?!

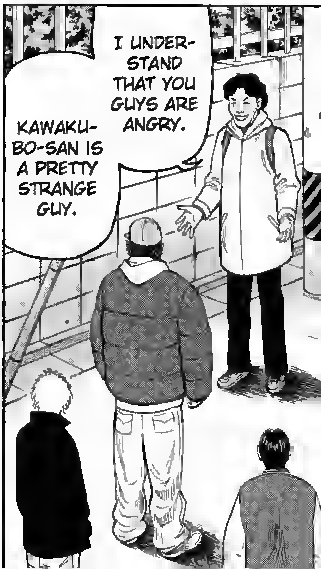

THAT'S UP TO YOU.
OUR POLICIES INCLUDE ONLY RELEASING FULL ALBUMS.

BUT THE POINT IS, THERE ARE NO OTHER LABELS MAKING DEALS WITH YOU, ARE THERE?
I COULD CARE LESS ABOUT GROUNDLESS STATEMENTS LIKE THAT.

SO THAT IS ALL...
BECK AMOUNTS TO...

ANYWAYS, IF YOU CAN'T SELL 1500,
OUR COMPANY IS NOT INTERESTED IN KEEPING YOU.

HE'S TOTALLY UNDER-VALUING US!!
HE NEVER EVEN SHOWED UP TO THE RECORD-ING!


I UNDER-STAND THAT YOU GUYS ARE ANGRY.
KAWAKU-BO-SAN IS A PRETTY STRANGE GUY.

HE'S JUST REALLY BUSY...
N-NO, THAT'S NOT TRUE.

YOU SEE, KAWAKU-BO-SAN
ONCE PLAYED AN IMPORTANT ROLE AT STONE PROJECT.
?
STONE PROJECT ?!
YOU MEAN THE LARGEST OF THE INDIE LABELS, THAT HAS ALL THOSE BIG-NAME BANDS LIKE SKA SAP?!
with its own office building
YEP.
HA HA HA
HE GOT IN A FIGHT WITH ONE OF THE ARTISTS AND GOT FIRED, THOUGH.

ANYWAYS, WE'RE PLAYING OUR FIRST SHOW IN A WHILE NEXT WEEK.
YOU BRING THAT MOLEMAN ALONG, HEAR ME ?
Y-YEAH.
TCH, I FIGURED THAT WAS UP.
GIVEN HIS CHAR-AC-TER.
JUST GETTING THE CD OUT ISN'T ALL THERE IS TO IT
...
WE'LL SHOW HIM JUST HOW MUCH ASS BECK KICKS!

THIS IS WHERE THE STRUGGLE BEGINS !!

I'M STILL NOT SATISFIED WITH SOME PARTS.

THE NEW SONGS STILL AREN'T GOOD ENOUGH TO PLAY LIVE.

LET'S CUT OUT THE NEW SONGS FOR THE GIG.

WHAT'S UP, KOYUKI ?

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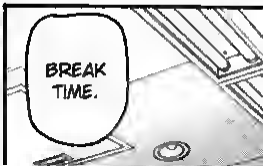
BREAK TIME.

I'M FEELIN' A GOOD KIND OF TENSION RIGHT NOW.
YEAH ...
IF WE DON'T GET A LOT BETTER,
WE'LL BE LEFT BEHIND ...
I'M THINKING ABOUT BUYING A NEW SNARE.
TRUE ...
DAMN, WHAT IF YOU GUYS KICK ME OUT OR SOMETHING ...
WHOA, REALLY ?
GOTTA POWER UP YOUR INSTRU-MENTS.

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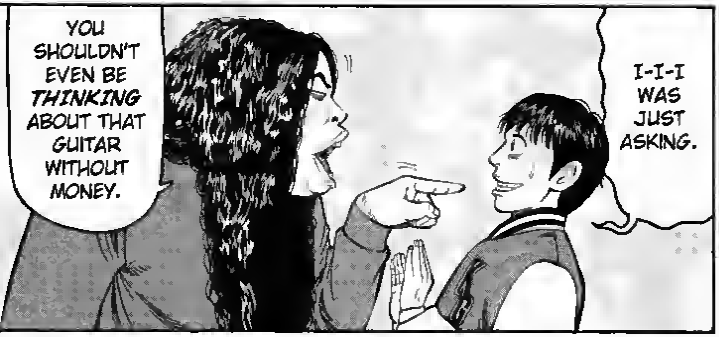
GULP
OUR INSTRU-MENTS ...
POWER UP ...
E.P.C. MART
楽器
楽器
MORON !

IT'S VALUABLE ENOUGH THAT EVEN THE GREAT SONNY BOY WATERS HAD ONE.
his hair's even longer
that guy's acting smart again
LUCILLE IS A '58 LES PAUL MODEL WITH LOW PRODUCTION NUMBERS.


YOU SHOULDN'T EVEN BE *THINKING* ABOUT THAT GUITAR WITHOUT MONEY.
I-I-I WAS JUST ASKING.

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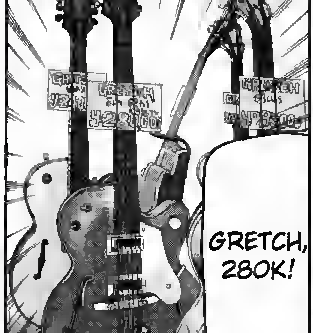
YOU HAVEN'T STOPPED BY IN A WHILE...

BUT I DOUBT YOU'RE GONNA BUY ANYTHING TODAY, ANYWAYS!


GRETCH, 280K!

LES PAUL, 320K!

ESP, 260K!

THEN ALLOW ME TO RECOMMEND THIS, IT'S SLASH'S SIGNATURE MODEL FROM GUNS'N' ROSES.
OH, ARE YOU SERIOUS ABOUT GETTIN' SOME-THING?
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TAKANO-SAN, YOU HAVE SPECIAL PREFERRED CUSTOMER LONGTERM LOANS, RIGHT?

OOH.
A RICHIE BLACKMORE SIGNATURE STRAT!!
HOW ABOUT THIS?!
N-NO, NOT THAT ...
I KINDA LIKED THE ONE THAT KEVIN PLAYED ON.
YEAH.
A PAUL REED SMITH?
RYU-SUKE-KUN!

FIVE HUNDRED AND SIXTY THOUSAND YEN!!

HOW MUCH WAS THIS ONE, TAKANO-SAN?
560 K!

HEY KID, TALK TO ME !!
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OF COURSE, THE NICEST GUITARS ARE THE MOST EXPENSIVE.

WOULD YOU MIND NOT SAYING THAT WHEN YOU ALREADY HAVE LUCILLE?
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THAT'S SO EXPENSIVE. I COULDN'T EVEN GET ONE OF THOSE.

JUST CALL ME IF YOU GET THE INITIAL PAYMENT READY.
IT'LL BE AFTER MY PAYDAY.
to think I got mine for free...

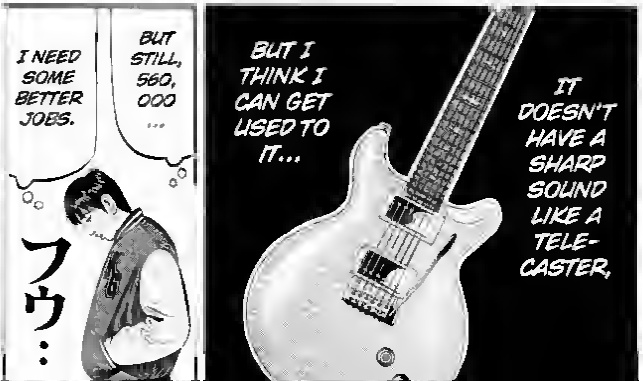
In Negotiation

YOU'VE GOTTA BE KIDDING! OF COURSE NICE GUITARS ARE EXPENSIVE !!
GEEZ

HUH ?
IT'S DEFINITELY A NICE GUITAR... BUT DO YOU REALLY NEED ONE SO EXPENSIVE?

YOU MUST REALLY LIKE IT ...
HMM MM.
POWERING UP IS A NECES-SITY ...

I HAVE TO BUY THAT GUITAR, EVEN IF IT KILLS ME!!


IT DOESN'T HAVE A SHARP SOUND LIKE A TELE-CASTER,
BUT I THINK I CAN GET USED TO IT...
BUT STILL, 560, 000 ...
I NEED SOME BETTER JOBS.
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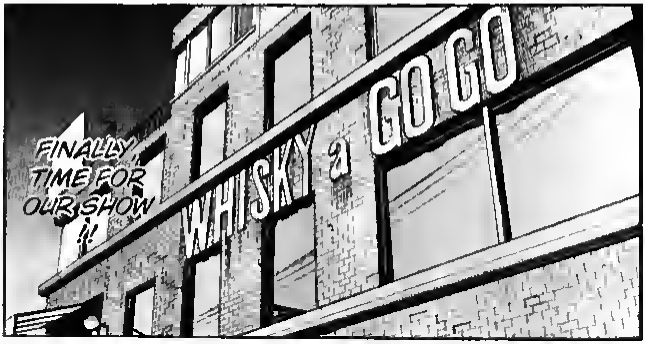
WHISKY a GO GO
FINALLY, TIME FOR OUR SHOW !!

I GOT MYSELF PUMPED UP...
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KOYUKI, WE'RE START-ING !!

JUNIOR
OPEN THIS DOOR FOR THE ENTRANCE !
BOXING
Metal Mania

BUT IT'S BEEN SO LONG THAT I FEEL NERVOUS, TOO...
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WATCH US, MOLE-MAN.
"HUMAN FLY" !!

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WOW, THEY'RE GOOD.
I CAN SEE WHY THEY CAUSED SUCH A COMMOTION AT GREATFUL SOUND.
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I CAN FEEL A LOT MORE PRESENCE IN THE MUSIC ...
TOURING AROUND AMERICA HAS TIGHTENED THEM UP A LOT ...

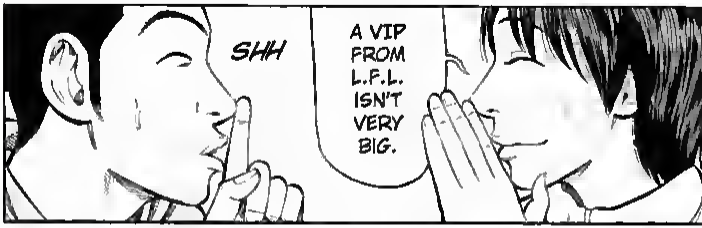
WE CAN'T BE A BAND WITHOUT PLAYING LIVE!!
IT'S ALL ABOUT THE LIVE SHOWS ...

BECK IS A LIVE BAND !!

OH, KAWA-KUBO-SAN.

I SAW YOUR SHOW.

A BIG GUY FROM LUST FOR LIFE RECORDS.
WHO?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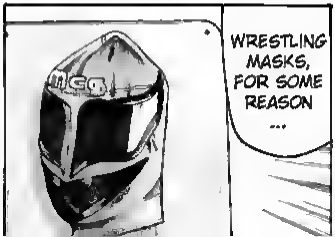
A VIP FROM L.F.L. ISN'T VERY BIG.


WRESTLING MASKS, FOR SOME REASON ...

MIS-SPELLED STICKERS ...
2 Stickers for 100 ¥
MONGOLIAN COP SQUAD
MONGOLIAN COP SQUAD

YOUR MERCH IS WEAK.
HUH ?
YO, MAN.
WHAT-CHA THINK?
SO YOU HAVE TO TAKE IT SERIOUSLY.
IT'S A MAJOR PART OF YOUR BAND INCOME,
DO NOT OPEN
GRRR
I CAME UP WITH ALL THOSE MERCHANDISE IDEAS!!

IT'S NOT GOING TO BE THAT EASY.

KAWA-KUBO-SAN, I REALLY THINK THEY'RE A GREAT BAND.
THEY CAN EASILY SELL 1,500 COPIES!

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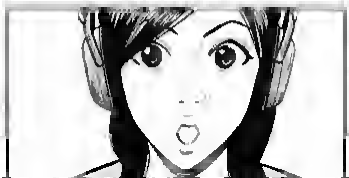
YUKIO, YOU GOT SOME BIG ENVELOPE.
ENVE-LOPE ?

I'M HOME.

LFL
RECOR
!!
Human
fly

WHERE ARE YOU GOING, YUKIO?!
I DON'T NEED DINNER !!

OH !



OH, FROM THE CLUB ...
WHAT WAS YOUR NAME?
MURA-MATSU.
MAHO-CHAN, DO YOU REMEMBER ME?
I GAVE YOU MY CARD, BUT YOU NEVER GOT IN TOUCH.
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IF YOU HAVE SOME FREE TIME,
WE COULD GET SOME TEA...
UMMM, I'M REALLY BAD AT DANCING AND SINGING AND STUFF ...

WOW, THAT'S THAT ACTRESS WHO APPEARS ON THE 2 HOUR SUSPENSE PROGRAM A LOT...
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バム
?
N-NOTHING...
WHAT IS IT?

SHHH
IS SHE THAT LITTLE OLD MAN'S MISTRESS?
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THAT'S PRESIDENT KURATA.
THE PRESIDENT OF THE AGENCY SHE BELONGS TO.
IF THE INDUSTRY WAS A PIE, HE'D HAVE THREE FINGERS IN IT.
HE'S GOT ROOTS IN THE UNDER-GROUND, AS WELL.
YOU CAN'T WORK IN THE INDUSTRY IF YOU PISS HIM OFF.
FOR INSTANCE, THE REASON RAN, THAT EX-NOIR GUY, CAN ACT LIKE SUCH A BIGSHOT IS BECAUSE KURATA'S GOT HIS BACK.

HEE
EYY
!!

YOUR
...
BOY-
FRIEND
?

YES.

HE WORKS IN THE MUSIC BUSINESS,
BUT I'M NOT EXACTLY SURE WHAT HE DOES.

WHO WAS HE?
that same cop was chasing me again
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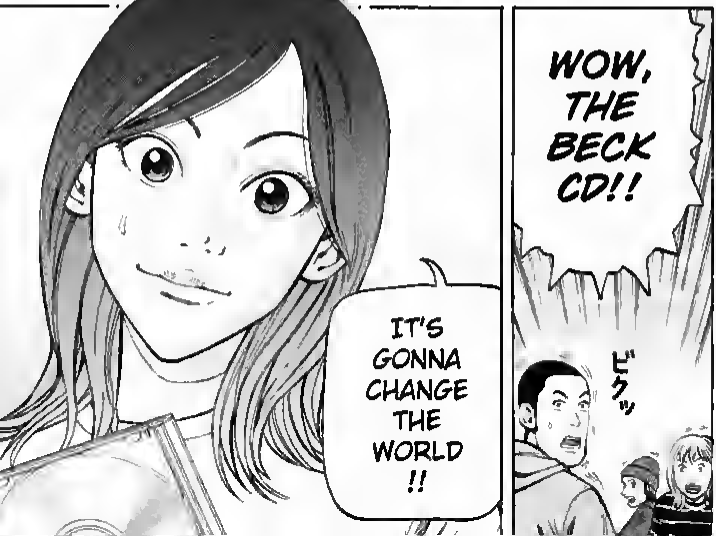
MURA-MATSU-SAN.

COFFEE


IT'S GONNA CHANGE THE WORLD !!
WOW, THE BECK CD!!
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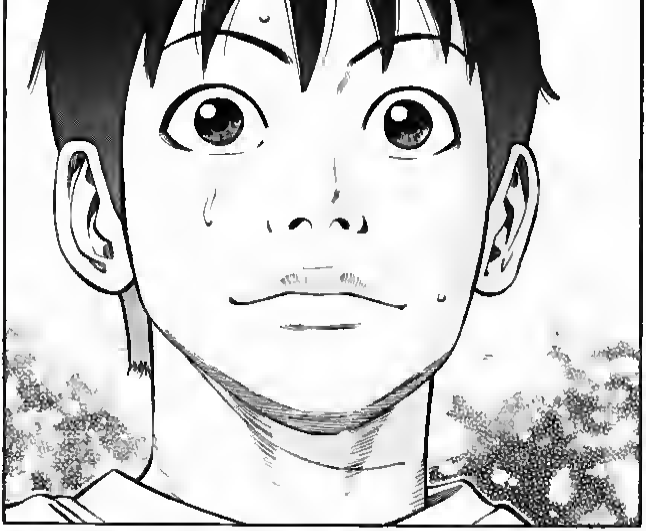
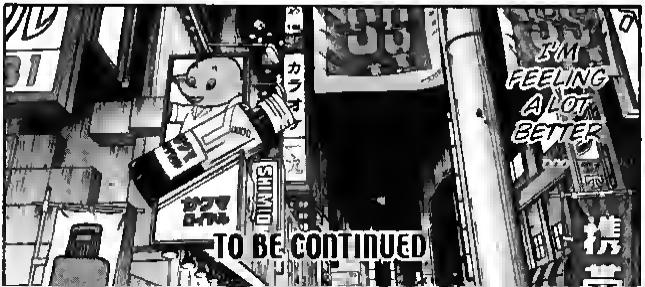


MAHO'S WORDS ARE REALLY UPLIFTING ...
CAN I LISTEN TO IT?
SURE.


I'M FEELING A LOT BETTER
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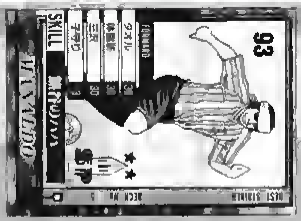

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